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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink."

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What Is Before Us

Day by day it is being more and more impressed upon us that the race is not always to the swift nor the battle to the strong...

These figures, he says, are as impressive as they appear. And they can be increased. They come atop a naval force which is the largest in American history...

Provided the war lasts till 1943, continues the correspondent, and Britain's present effort is not gravely crippled, this production schedule ought to assure the "bridge of ships" across the Atlantic...

Farmers And The Wage Bonus

Having no war industries here, and being almost entirely dependent as a Province upon our agricultural industry, we are in a unique position to appreciate the force of the following editorial comments from the Financial Post:

Rural Canada is getting increasingly restive about Ottawa's industrial wage policy. As the farmer sees it, his city cousin in the war factory is getting not only a much fatter pay envelope because of the war boom, but also insurance, by means of a wage bonus, against increased living costs...

On the other hand, the farmer finds his own lot (very contrary to his expectations) far from a happy one. True, farm prices are now about 25 per cent higher than they were at the beginning of the war but this is in part offset by higher prices for much of what he buys, for farm labor (if he can get any) and by reduced markets for many lines of produce...

Essentially all of us must be prepared to accept a lower standard of living in order to meet the cost of war. For the present year the estimated net "cost" is about \$700 millions. This is the amount by which the cost of our war effort exceeds the estimated increase in national production...

against sacrifice, then his share of the burden is simply passed on to others—including the farmers.

There is conflict between our wartime wage policy and our wartime finance policy, which aims to stop inflation before it starts.

Originally Ottawa's cost-of-living wage bonus was proposed as a compromise to offset the anticipated demands from war workers for higher basic wage rates. But to the extent that such a policy is used to insure industrial workers against any real sacrifice on account of the war, it is a fallacious and divisive influence in Canada's war effort.

As a matter of fact, the situation is even worse for the farmers of Canada suspect it to be. Order-in-council 7440, outlining this country's wartime labor policy, was intended to prevent an inflationary wage spiral. But if anyone thinks it has stopped wages from rising in industrial centres he is naive indeed. In war plants wages of skilled workers are continuing to climb. We shall be right in the middle of inflation within half a year if Ottawa does not wake up to what is going on.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The hoarder will get it where the chicken felt the hatchet, if he does not look out.

Victory Bonds are the passport to freedom; if you cannot fight yourself help others to do so.

Rapid growth is the order of the day, notwithstanding the coolness of the atmosphere.

The new Wood Island Car Ferry was the novelty of yesterday, and the week-end generally.

Italy entered the War against us a year ago today. She has got her deserts in Africa, may she soon get them in Europe.

Sunday and yesterday were memorable days in Charlottetown, leading up to the day-of-days Tuesday 17th, when the Liberty Torch reaches us.

The Meteorological Bureau has ordered that publication of Maritime and Quebec forecasts of the weather be discontinued until further notice.

"Owing to our lack of machines, the story of retreat and defeat in the Middle East is not yet finished. For months, it will be our job to slow down the enemy, bring him to a standstill and then hit him so as to destroy him. That requires the rarest human quality, quiet, tough, patient fortitude." So says Prime Minister R. G. Menzies of Australia.

Premier Hepburn at Oakville, Ont., Ayrshire Breeders' Patriotic Calf Sale, said: "I believe there is a definite agreement among Germany, Italy and Japan on a plan to parcel up the world between them. The conquest of Iraq and Iran is the next step in their program. If they are successful they would have an inexhaustible supply of oil and then this continent might face a two-ocean attack."

In the Napoleonic War of over a century ago, Britain was even harder up against it than she is today. Then the "press-gang" travelled the country, seizing a man from every family to serve his King and country. If the man seized could prove his services were indispensable at home he was released, provided he furnished a substitute. The Victory Bonds are our modern substitutes.

Congratulations to Rev. Hugh Miller, and Trinity Congregation on his election to the Presidency of the Maritime United Church Conference. It is a distinction and honor well deserved; Mr. Miller is held in high esteem by his ministerial brethren and church people generally in the three provinces, evidenced by the fact that his election was unanimous. The Island is well represented in the office holders of the Conference, Rev. George A. Christie, Richmond Bay, being Secretary, and Rev. W. A. MacQuarrie, Souris, convener of the Fund-Committee.

A move is afoot to encourage the finer arts among Canadian troops. Concerts of well-known classical music, with London artists taking part, are being arranged and more than 400 soldiers heard the works of Bach, Beethoven, Mozart, Handel and other great composers played and sung at one of these. Keenly interested in giving the Canadian a chance to hear this sort of music is J. B. Bickersteth, warden of Hart House University of Toronto, and educational adviser to Lt.-Gen. McNaughton. Stationed at corps headquarters, Mr. Bickersteth, a private in the Home Guard, wears civilian clothes but keeps a uniform handy so that in the event of invasion he can "get into the thick of things." He is 54.

One of Mr. Gardiner's reasons for deciding to devote all his attention to the Ministry of Agriculture, is the steady development of export markets. A short time ago he announced minimum prices for butter. Now the Bacon Board is virtually pegging hog product prices, and there are indications that similar steps will be taken regarding cheese by the Dairy Products Board. A further increase in the price of pork will likely be announced. The Bacon Board states that funds had been made available by the Government to meet any advances in United States prices which might cause pork to be exported to the U. S. As the United States Government is actively supporting pork prices it is taken for granted that prices will go higher. The Bacon Board's action in virtually pegging Canadian prices to the level in United States markets, less the cost of export, has created a precedent which is being cited as reason for exactly the same thing being done for cheese. Cheese prices have advanced steadily in the U. S., and are now close to the point where export is profitable despite the 4 cents a pound duty. Cheese in New York state is bringing 21 cents a pound.

NOTES BY THE WAY

For listening to foreign radio broadcasts and sharing with his neighbors the news he has heard, a German has been sentenced a "traitor." Other Germans languish in jail merely for listening to foreign news which the Nazi Government forbids them to hear because it contradicts the calumnies and optimistic lies put out by the Nazi propaganda. This is the New Order that Hitler would substitute for the freedom enjoyed under democracy. To seek facts and share knowledge of them brings the seeker to the headman's block. Murder, on the other hand, if committed in the Nazi interest, brings honor and reward, as in the case of the assassins of Dollfus, whose graves Hitler decorated, and the British murderer whom as Chancellor he released and recompensed. — New York Times.

If it is true, as it seems to be, that the Petain Government is casting about for a way to share the blame for the defeat, however painful, at once to face, France will stand not merely defeated, but dishonored. In addition to having broken its solemn pledge to Britain, it will have led us, in all this, the people of France, no doubt, are innocent. But they will have to bear, temporarily, the responsibility for those whom they have allowed to take up the reins of power in the Caribbean to be held in trust by us, or by Gen. de Gaulle, for the French people until Hitler is overthrown. — Chicago Daily News.

There is a lot of jollity about a proposal to repaint Winnipeg's City Hall. The old building has been the butt of many jests and the latest jibe would have us believe that with a new coat of paint the City Hall should be enough of an eye to rival Portage Avenue. Such jests are barbed with the intent of belittling the old pile, which was the architect's idea of a "cheese-cake" back in 1882. Admittedly the City Hall is unique in the annals of architecture. It combines the best features of everything from a Norman dungeon to a Mahomedan mosque. City Hall is unique, too, in that it was less than originally planned and every cent spent in its construction has been paid for. In every sense it is Winnipeg and it is ours. — Winnipeg Tribune.

In the beautiful church at Dorchester, on the old road to Oxford, a stone in the floor bears the following inscription to the memory of Mrs. Sarah Fletcher, who died in 1791 at the age of 29: Reading! thou hast a Heart fam'd for Tenderness and Pity. Contemplate this Spot. In which are reposit'd the Remains of a Young Lady whose artless Beauty, Innocence of Mind and gentle Manners once obtained her the Love and Esteem of all who knew her. But whose nerves were too delicately spun to bear the rude Shakes and Jostlings which attend in this transitory World, Nature gave way. She sunk and died a Martyr to Excessive Sensibility. There was a moment not so many months ago when I heard in the air above the Bodley the loud uneven roaring of countless German airplanes. In London one had got quite hardened to this noise, but in Oxford, well, Nature did not give way, but I did find, like Mrs. Fletcher, that my nerves were too delicately spun. — London New Statesman.

In the days of their enthusiasm for a short war the Japanese figured they could make all sorts of promises to Hitler and the Nazis. Tokio was all for saying the Japanese would fight the United States, if the Americans looked any more like the British. That was what Hitler wanted. He was anxious to embarrass the Americans. But the United States did not get embarrassed. Leading Americans have felt for many years that the time was to come for a showdown with Japan. The United States has never been afraid of Tokio, but Washington believed that the Japanese were getting too aggressive. Tooner, or later, a reckoning would be made. And with the dictator nations trying to conquer the world, the Americans believe that now is as good a time as any to find out just how serious Japan could play with Japan in the Pacific and still have plenty of power left to help the British in the Atlantic. With the Americans thinking seriously of convoys or other patrols, Japan is fearing it may have to live up to its bargain to attack the United States. Even the most foolhardy Japanese would know that would be the beginning of the end for Japan. The enthusiasm of Tokio has given place to a desire to save face and get out from under but Hitler is striving to hold Japan to its bargain. — Windsor Ont. Star.

Two encouraging trends are revealed in Canadian trade statistics for the first quarter of this year. We are buying more from Great Britain and we are selling more to the United States. Both trends will become even more marked under the operation of the Hyde Park agreement and the reduction of duties applicable to imported British commodities. Canadians are fully aware that in buying British goods they are helping the Mother Country, and their opportunity is being widened. Retail stores throughout the Dominion have been for months featuring the slogan "Britain Delivers the Goods." They have been giving British wares pride of place in their display windows and on their coun-

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WORDS OF CHALLENGE

A THOUGHT A DAY FOR A PEOPLE AT WAR

"I need not remind the House that we are come to a new era in the history of nations; that we are called to struggle for the destiny, not of this country alone, but of the civilized world." — William Pitt, in April, 1804.

Collapse Of Iraq

Time alone will reveal the comparative strategic effects of the British disaster in Crete and the collapse of the Nazi-inspired revolt in Iraq, dramatic and unexpected conjunction in time one coincides with the other. As the British defence of Suez is suddenly imperilled from an island from which they thought their own, so the first set in their own is extinguished. The darkness descending on Crete may in the end overshadow the whole Eastern Mediterranean basin, but it will move more slowly now that the defection in Iraq is crushed.

The abortive revolt lasted a month. Repercussions of its collapse will be felt throughout the Near East, in Turkey, Syria, Palestine, Trans-Jordan and the great desert to the south. British troops have been solid front on the banks of the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf. Hitler's Jihad has smoldered out at the very moment he needed it most. The Arabs have clearly rejected the Holy War of the fanatic Mufti of Jerusalem sought to inflame, and both he and the usurper Rashid Ali el Ghalani are fugitives, repudiated by their own people. Had the Germans, so often in Crete, been able to bring enough help to the Iraq rebels the conflagration might have swept the Moslem world.

But they failed. For the first time in this war they are fleeing from an area into which they have penetrated. Britain gains the inestimable gift of time, time to consolidate her future defence of the Mosul oil fields, time to throw the small but effective British force of the desert to other fronts where they are desperately needed. It is not likely that the Nazis will quit their struggle for Iraq's oil, but the short war is now closed to them. The pres-

enters, and the public have been responding in the realization that Britain is depending heavily upon the maintenance of her export trade. In the first three months of the year imports from the United Kingdom, in millions of dollars, amounted to 41.69 out of a total of 226.00, the British percentage of all imports to this country being 14.1. The 41.69 figures compares with 39.99 in the corresponding period of the first quarter of 1939. This year's increase of more than ten per cent, a half million over the value of British imports purchased in the early period of last year expresses a substantial contribution to Britain's economy and offsets materially the increase of slightly over \$7,000,000 in Canadian shipments to Britain, presumably on war account. — Montreal Gazette

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Remembering "Old Walt"

(Vancouver P.O.Vincv) In Seattle at the public library there, they are honoring the birthday of Walt Whitman. They are showing the private collection of "Whitmaniana" made by Mr. Charles Elliott, keeper of the Alki Point light station.

It is curious to reflect upon the way the people of the United States have come round to an affectionate regard for the Good Grey Poet, the "poet of democracy" who was born 122 years ago today and has been dead half a century all but a year.

And yet it is true that Whitman has probably a better claim to be considered the representative poet of America than any other. What he believed, and what he sang, in the rough strong music of his, was in truth as near as any man has ever come to a definition of the essential things which we ought to tell ourselves we are fighting in this war.

He said it all in the first lines he ever published, of that outpouring of his life that he called "Leaves of Grass," that he went on saying while he lived: "Oneself I sing. A single separate person. Yet utter the word democratic: The word en masse."

And he knew and no man better before or since, what Lord Halifax has been telling us all lately, that the essential things that we have fought to the death to save out of our battered and imperfect civilization is a proper respect for the individual soul and dignity of every man among us—all that democracy must be that or there is no virtue in democracy.

fluid that seemed almost in their grasp is snatched 600 miles from their nearest point of attack. It was not the capture of Baghdad but internal disintegration which ended the Iraq campaign. The terms of the armistice undoubtedly give the British complete observance of the King's Birthday. The Canadians, here on protective duty, and the Americans, manning U. S. defence bases, will take part in a monster parade through St. John's with war veterans and members of the Newfoundland militia.

When sweeping a room, open all the windows and sweep toward the centre of the room. This prevents the dust from settling on the woodwork and the walls do not get so dusty as they otherwise would.

COULDN'T SLEEP COULDN'T WORK

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